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RESPONSE

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the *Ex parte Quayle* Office Action of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office mailed on September 7, 2004, the time for reply to which extending to and including November 8, 2004 (this being the first business day after November 7, a Sunday), Applicants respectfully submit the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-38 are pending in this application, have been allowed, and have been maintained unchanged. Claims 1, 4, 15, 17, 20, 21, 24, 28, 32 and 36-38 are independent.

The Office Action held that only minor formal matters remained outstanding, and stated that prosecution on the merits was closed in accordance with *Ex parte Quayle*. This response addresses those minor formal points.

Surrender of Patent

The Office Action noted that the original ribboned Letters Patent (U.S. Patent No. 6,027,204) had not been surrendered.

Applicants surrender and submit herewith the Letters Patent.

Supplemental Declaration

The Office Action noted that claims were added and revised following submission of the original reissue declaration, and advised that a supplemental declaration should be filed.

Applicants have prepared and submit herewith a Supplemental Declaration for Reissue Patent Application to Correct "Errors" Statement (PTO/SB/51S). The Supplemental Declaration states every error corrected in this application that is not covered by the prior reissue declaration arose without any deceptive intention. The U.S. P.T.O. official form has been modified to include Japanese text corresponding to the English recitation of error.

Listing of References

The Office Action requested that Applicant submit a PTO-1449 listing of all prior art cited in the original patent.

Applicants have prepared and submit herewith the requested PTO-1449 form. That form identifies all the prior art in the original patent, but does not include references previously identified in this application on PTO-1449, PTO/SB/08 and PTO-892 forms.

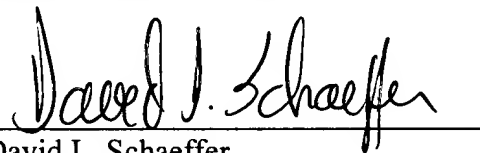
Confirmation that the cited references have been considered is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

No fees are believed to be due in connection with this Response. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge all fees now or hereafter due to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

In view of the foregoing remarks and accompanying papers, Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and prompt allowance of this application. In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please do not hesitate to contact applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "David L. Schaeffer", is written over a horizontal line.

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